

information of the previously stored configuration file and initializes the cable modem based on the previously stored configuration file.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the general data of the downstream unit is transmitted to a display unit that can be viewed by a user through an MPEG 2 transport stream interface, and the MAC management message is transmitted to the message processor.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the CPU compares a name of the configuration file detected by the message processor to a name of the configuration file previously stored in the non-volatile-memory and selects the configuration file of a later version.

5. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the message processor parses the format of information related to the detected configuration file into a configuration file name part and a configuration file version part with a delimiter part therebetween.

6. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the format of the information related to the detected configuration file comprises a file name part indicating a configuration file name, a file version part indicating a configuration file version, and a delimiter part differentiating the file name part and the file version part.

7-10. (Canceled)

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